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BEGIN SUMMARY: SINCE WE HAD BEEN EXPECTING THAT MILLIYET WOULD PUBLISH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ATTRIBUTED TO UNDER SECRETARY SISCO (REF B) ON ABOUT FEB 24, WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE THREE-PART FEATURE STORY WRITTEN BY MEHMET ALI BIRAND ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS (REF A). WE OBTAINED CONFIRMATION FEATURE STORY NOT BASED ON Q'S AND A'S, WHICH MILLIYET EDITORS CONTINUE TO TELL US WILL BE PUBLISHED MOMENTARILY AND WILL BE GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THESE FEB 24 ARTICLES RELECT DISCUSSIONS BIRAND HAD WITH US AND TRK EMB OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO THE US IN LATE DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY. SUMMARY OF THREE ARTICLES (WHICH HAVE A DISORGANIZED FLAVOR) FOLLOWS. FULL TEXT BY AIRGRAM.

1. LEAD STORY: OPIUM, TURKEY'S ATTITUDE IN MIDDLE EAST WAR, AND NEW PHASE IN TURK-AMERICAN RELATIONS--QUOTES UNNAMED US OFFICIALS AS
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SAYING CONGRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION WILL REACT ADVERSELY TO TURK RESUMPTION OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION. EVEN LIMITED CULTIVATION UNDER

STRICT CONTROLS IS REGARDED WITH SUSPICION. WRITER CLAIMS NIXON ADMINISTRATION NO LONGER REGARDS TURKISH OPIUM ISSUE WITH SAME ATTENTION AS IN 1971, BUT NOTES US OFFICIALS SAYING, SINCE TURKEY DISCONTINUED CULTIVATION, THE MARSEILLE OPERATION HAS BEEN DISRUPTED. BIRAND GOES ON TO CONCLUDE FROM HIS DIXISONS WITH US OFFICIALS THAT IF THE ECEVIT GOVT COULD GIVE FIRM GUARANTEES ABOUT A RESUMPTION OF LIMITED AND CONTROLLED CULTIVATION, WITHOUT MAKING A LOT OF NOISE ON THE SUBJECT, IT MAY GET AN EQUIVOCAL ANSWER FROM WASHINGTON, NOT QUITE AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER BUT CLOSE TO IT. AS FOR TURKEY'S ATTITUDE DURING OCT 1973 WAR, THERE WAS SOME US DISAPPOINTMENTWZ ACCORDING TO BIRAND, US OFFICIALS GAVE IMPRESSIONHN INITIAL UNDERSTANDING FOR TURK POSITION ON USE OF BASES, BUT LATER TURKISH PERMISSION TO ALLOW SOVIET OVER FLIGHTS UPSET EVERYTHING. BIRAND NOTED THAT DISAPPOINTMENT AND ANGER OVER TURKISH POSITION WERE ALSO VOICED BY SEC OF DEFENSE, AND LATTER INDICATED THAT MILITARY AID WOULD BE AFFECTED. BIRAND CONCLUDES THIS PORTION OF ARTICLE BY SAYING SEC OF DEFENSE HAD TO APOLOGIZE TO TURKISH AMB AND STATE THAT THERE HWAOKCEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. AS FOR THE NEW BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, US OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE US IS NOT OPPOSED TO TURKISH INTEREST IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH EC, BUT THEY SAY THIS CLOSER ALIGNMENT SHOULD NOT RESULT IN ANTIAMERICANISM. THE US KNOWS THAT TURKEY IS NO LONGER THE INDISPENSABLE AND DOCILE FRIEND OF THE PAST, AND FOR THIS REASON IT IS TALKING ABOUT A NEW PHASE IN US-TURKISH RELATIONS. THIS IS A NORMAL DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE CONCLUDES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, THE EVOLVING EC5 35:.

2. AID AND MAP--THEME OF THIS ARTICLE IS THAT ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE ARE CERTAIN TO DISCONTINUE WITHIN TWO OR THREE YEARS AT THE MOST, BECAUSE IN AMERICAN EYES TURKEY HAS BECOME RICH. BIRAND MAKES SOME ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF DECLINES IN VARIOUS KINDS OF ASSISTANCE,

(MIXING UP ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND FMS CREDIT IN PROCESS) AND CONCLUDES WITH OBSERVATION THAT IN THIS NEW PERIOD OF DECLINING AID LEVELS TURKISH INTERESTS ARE SHIFTING TOWARDS EUROPE.

3. MAP, AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, PROBLEM OF BASES (THIS ARTICLE OVERLAPS SOMEWHAT WITH ARTICLE NUMBER TWO)--BIRAND CITES BOTH TURKISH EMB OFFICIALS AND US OFFICIALS AS CONCLUDING THAT GRANT MAP WILL END NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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LATER THAN THREE YEARS. HE POINTS OUT THAT IN THE MAP BUDGET SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR 1974 APPROX \$85 MILLION WAS SUGGESTED FOR TURKEY. THIS AMOUNT COULD BE CUT IN HALF. ONLY FMS CREDIT USED TO PURCHASE AMERICAN EQUIPMENT SUCH AS PHANTOMS WILL REMAIN. BIRAND SAYS PENTAGON FIGURES THAT TURKEY RECEIVED BETWEEN 1950-1972 \$2 BILLION 9
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